

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Amir Behnia on 11/30/11.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended as follows to better define over the prior art of record.

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (twice amended) A one-use dispensing device for separately storing, dispensing, and applying proportional amounts of two substances, comprising:

~~a respective flexible receptacle~~ pair of spaced apart flexible receptacles disposed on a flat flexible thin web for each substance, each of said receptacles including a flat edge portion having an outlet therein; [[and]]

~~a fold line of fold~~ extending over the flat flexible thin web and disposed equidistant ~~device~~ between the receptacles;

wherein each of the receptacles has a circular base and a flat circular upper surface, wherein a diameter of the upper surface is smaller than a diameter at the base;

wherein said device being foldable about said fold ~~line of fold~~ so that the receptacles are superimposed;

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a pair of rupturable outlets each having a weakened region and an inlet, along a flat edge and each being in fluid communication with a respective one of said pair of receptacle outlets;

wherein a perforated tear line extends in between and separates each one of said pair of inlets and respective one of said pair of receptacle outlets; wherein
~~a rupturable outlet is defined for each receptacle, each rupturable outlet having a flat edge for assisting in mixing of the two substances;~~

wherein said receptacle outlets converge towards the fold line ~~of fold~~; and
wherein said receptacles include indicia indicating where a thumb and forefinger of a user should be positioned to allow for substantially complete evacuation of the receptacle through the receptacle outlet;

whereby when the device is folded about said ~~line of fold~~ line, said receptacle outlets and said rupturable outlets are superposed, respectively, for dispensing and mixing the substances when the receptacles are squeezed; and

whereby the device is configured to be manipulated by a user in a one-handed operation to dispense the two substances.

23. (Currently amended) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein said receptacles are disposed such that one of said receptacles on one side of the fold line ~~of fold~~ is a transposed mirror image of the other receptacle on the other side of the fold line ~~of fold~~ and said receptacles are substantially equidistant from the fold line ~~of fold~~.

24. (Canceled)

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27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

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29. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein said device comprises two flexible laminae positioned adjacent one another and sealed together so as to define said two receptacles.

30. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 29, wherein the laminae are selected from a group comprising foil, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl acetate and foil coated with polypropylene.

31. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in claim 29, wherein each of the laminae are composed of different materials.

32. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in claim 22, wherein upon said substances being squeezed from said device and meeting, said substances undergo a chemical or physical reaction.

33. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein one of said two receptacles contains an epoxy and the other of said two receptacles contains a hardener.

34. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein the receptacles contain foodstuffs.

35. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein the receptacles contain materials selected from a group comprising pharmaceuticals, other liquids, pastes and gels used in medical or dental work.

36. (Currently amended) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein said device is adapted to be folded and manipulated by a user in a one-handed operation such that said receptacle outlets are easily aligned and said

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substances contained within said receptacles are simultaneously dispensed, mixed and proportionately applied.

37. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein said outlets are positioned at or adjacent to the side edges of the dispensing device.

38. (Previously presented) The dispensing device according to claim 22, wherein the two substances are epoxy and a hardener.

39. (Currently amended) A dispensing device as defined in claim 38, wherein said device is adapted to be folded and manipulated by a user in a one-handed operation such that the receptacle outlets are easily aligned and the epoxy and hardener are simultaneously dispensed, mixed and proportionately applied.

40. (Currently amended) A dispensing device as defined in claim 22, wherein said receptacle outlets are disposed such that one of said receptacle outlets on one side of the fold line ~~of fold~~ is a transposed mirror image of the other outlet on the other side of the fold line ~~of fold~~ and said receptacle outlets are substantially equidistant from the fold line ~~of fold~~, whereby the substances are dispensed and mixed when the receptacles are squeezed.

41. (Previously presented) A dispensing device as defined in Claim 22, wherein the receptacles are approximately 7.5 mm in radius at their base and approximately 5mm at their top.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or suggest a dispensing device having the combination of

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features claimed that includes a pair of rupturable outlets having a weakened region in combination with a tear line which extends between the receptacle outlets and the inlets of the rupturable outlets.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHARON M. PRANGE whose telephone number is (571)270-5280. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoa Huynh can be reached on (571) 272-4888. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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